

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 368

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Beverly Elaine Johnson, one of the  
12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Beverly Elaine Johnson, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson was born in Memphis and graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan; she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rust College and her Master of Science degree in Educational/Media Technology from Jackson State University; she also holds certifications in Substance Abuse Counseling from Southwest Tennessee Community College and Drug Court Counseling from the Drug Institute; and

WHEREAS, for the last thirty-one years, Ms. Johnson has been employed with the legendary WDIA Radio, where she continues to host *The Bev Johnson Show*, now in its twenty-seventh year; she began her broadcasting career in 1976 and has more than thirty-eight years

of experience in the radio industry. She has been recognized with awards from the National Black Programmers Coalition, National Association of Broadcasters, and *Billboard* magazine, and this year, she is being honored with induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame, making her the first African-American woman ever inducted; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson is a former board member of The Rock N Soul Museum and The National Black Programmers Coalition; a former mentor for the Gordon Elementary School girls' program, chairperson for the NAACP's Annual Radiothon, and auctioneer for WKNO Television's Action Auction; and a member of Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church and a co-collaborator of Heart 2 Heart Counseling Services; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Ms. Johnson be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Beverly Elaine Johnson on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.